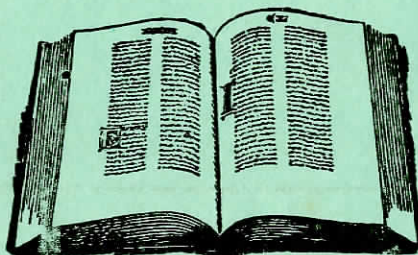


William Jennings Bryan achieved much that was worthwhile, but what he was is far more important than what he achieved. Christ dwelling in him made him a humble, usable vessel living a life that drew as a magnet both young and old. The wise and wealthy heeded his words, the illiterate and poor found in him a rare sympathy, and children flocked around him because their discerning little minds recognized genuine love. These facts alone, without a single worldly achievement would be enough to justify our saying that his life was a brilliant success. This should be a challenge to us. Not to try to pattern ourselves after him—God forbid! Every Christian has a part in the body of Christ which is distinctly his own. But the life of William Jennings Bryan should challenge us to know in a more intimate way the Saviour and Lord who made him the man he was.



The following quotation from Mr. Bryan's speech, "The Prince of Peace," gives an insight into his character and exalts the name of his Lord, upon whom he was entirely dependent:

"Christ presents an example of purity in thought and life, and man, conscious of his own imperfections and grieved over his shortcomings, finds inspiration in the fact that He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. I am not sure but that each can find just here a way of determining for himself whether he possesses the true spirit of a Christian. If the sinlessness of Christ inspires within him an earnest desire to conform his life more nearly to the perfect example, he is indeed a follower; if, on the other hand, he resents the reproof which the purity of Christ offers, and refuses to mend his way, he has yet to be born again."

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Mr. and Mrs. Ward Tressler, ex '45, announce the arrival of a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on January 9, at Winona Lake, Indiana.

News from Argentina tells us that Mr., ex'43, and Mrs. ex'43 Solon Hoyt are rejoicing in the arrival of their little son, Lynn Arthur, on January 3.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. E. D. Earl (Jean Clark, ex '45) are the proud parents of a baby girl, Patricia Lynn, born to them on December 22, 1947, in Athens, Greece.

William Kenneth, Jr. arrived just two days late for Christmas but was nevertheless welcomed by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Lichti (Anita Graham, '44) in Charleston, S. C.

News has recently been received of the arrival of a daughter, Mildred Barbara, to Rev., '42, and Mrs. J. Holmes Smith of Congo Belge, Africa, on June 17, 1947. The Smiths have moved to another station and so their correspondence has been delayed, but we'll probably be hearing more from them in the near future.

On January 15th, a son, Daniel Richard, was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Grove (Dorothy Borrer, ex '46) in Columbus, Ohio.

A son, Mark Lane, arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ziegler (Dorothy Upton, ex '46) on December 20, 1947, Wellington, Ohio.



Visiting with President Rudd for a short while on January 31 was Mr. Lewis Llewellyn, '38.

Marjorie (Baker) Sheldon, ex '50 attended our Missionary Conference on Bryan Hill the week-end of January 23. She spent some of the time visiting with Bryan friends and said that she and her husband, Kenneth Sheldon, ex '50, hope to take some more work at Bryan in the future.

On February 8, Audrey Roos, ex '48 arrived at Bryan for a short visit. She will be a Registered Nurse in May when she graduates from the City Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduation she plans to continue her work in the hospital for about a year.

Just before leaving for Canada on January 2, Mark Levengood, '42, paid a visit to Bryan Hill. It was a pleasure to his friends here to see him again. He has completed his studies at Moody Bible Institute and is now continuing his work at Emaus Bible School in Canada. He plans to attend Wycliffe in Oklahoma this summer and then, the Lord willing, his place of service will be French Equatorial Africa.

On Wednesday, January 7, in the Bryan chapel, Ralph Toliver, '37, showed slides and told of his and Rebecca's experiences since they left Bryan to sail for China more than seven years ago. Students and staff were challenged by his inspiring message and our prayers go with Becky and Ralph as they return to their place of service.

At the home of Mr., '38, and Mrs., '39, Lewis Llewellyn, in Bloomfield, N. J., the Northeastern Bryan Alumni will meet on March 20. They plan at that time to celebrate William Jennings Bryan's birthday. We shall probably be hearing





FROM THE MAIL-BAG

Chicago, Illinois

February, 1948

Miss Rebecca Peck, '40

"Last week was Founders Week at Moody. I met Manford Cain, '43 at the Moody Church one evening. . .he is expecting to go to India. . .now living at Worldwide Evangelization

Crusade home in Chicago. Then last Sunday in the afternoon service I saw Esther Humberd, ex '49."

Winona Lake, Indiana

December, 1947

Mrs. Nellie Stover Harper, '44

"David arrived November 3rd--a very good baby but helps to keep me busy as well as happy. John's studies really keep him busy, and just to make sure that he won't be idle he works part time at the creamery here."

Wrightsville, Pennsylvania

February 17, 1948

Miss Anna Margaret Koontz, (former staff member)

"I am busy studying Leviticus, preparatory to writing a series of messages on it. I am deeply enjoying the study and find so much food for my own spiritual growth. The Lord Jesus has become much more precious to me as I have seen Him prefigured in His antitypes.

"I surely was happy to hear of Hazel's (Waller) engagement. It is just like the Lord to grant her this rich blessing for her obedience. Her friends in Lancaster as well as at Bryan and elsewhere rejoice with her.

"Last week I received a fine letter from Janet (Webb '39). She surely is happy in her work with the children. I was impressed with her description of the work. There is surely a need for Christian homes for parentless waifs." (Janet is doing children's mission work in Hazard, Kentucky.)



Wellington, Ohio  
February 12, 1948

Mrs. Dorothy Upton Ziegler, ex '46

"It has been a long time since we have written you, but you have been in our prayers many times. We always enjoy every copy of the NEWSETTE and BRYANETTE, they help us to keep in touch with former students and new developments at Bryan.

"Maybe you would be interested to know that we have a little son born December 20, 1947, named Mark Lane. He is so precious. Enclosed is a check. Use it where you feel the greatest need just now."

Nigeria, British West Africa  
January, 1948

Mrs. Gwen Hay Wyllie, '45

"Mother and dad arrived here yesterday for a week of Bible Conference. By the way, we brought the idea of a Bible Conference at the beginning of the school year from our conferences at Bryan. Our wee one is progressing rapidly. . . loves to stand on her hands and feet. We have had a great deal of trouble lately, what with missionary and native problems. Truly this is the land of the evil one."

Delton, Michigan  
January 29, 1948

Mrs. Joy Bedford Honeywell, ex '35

"Harold is holding the only Sunday evening service in the town and thus teaching the few who do come. I have a child evangelism class and since its start in October have led twelve boys and girls to a saving knowledge of Christ. I was also given the opportunity to present the Christmas story via flannelgraph to the local P.T.A. So we praise Him for every opportunity to witness for His glory.

"All of us send our greetings to you all, and we do read with interest about Bryan. Let us hear from you, and you can tell us the news from sunny Tennessee."



On the way to the Philippines  
December, 1947

Mrs. Doris Crozier Todd, ex'47

"At the present we are on our way to the west coast where we will board ship on December 6 for the Philippine Islands. Pray for us as we endeavor to win the lost to Christ, and for me as I endeavor to translate the Scriptures in as many of the 87 dialects as possible. There are thousands within 7,000 islands who have never yet heard the name of Christ. Eighteen million Filipinos are calling for help--I trust that some from Bryan Hill offer themselves for this needy work."

Hudson, Michigan  
February 7, 1948

Rev. Robert St. John, '44

"I was through Dayton twice recently and wish I could have stopped over. I could see the new chapel fairly well. On the way down I didn't have time to stop, and on the way back I'd taken a cold and thought it best to go right on home. Pneumonia is the one thing I need to watch out for now, and I didn't want to take a chance. I still have some of the cold, but have managed to keep it in my head. Though I've come a long way to recovery I'm still weak. I had a check up and everything is fine, better than in most cases, and complete recovery may take as little as six months or as much as two years. My throat muscles are responding slowly, but it is the original muscle, not substitute muscle, which is a good sign. I feel fine, and stood the trip well. My voice was much better than it was when I preached the last of December. I think regular preaching would bring it along faster. The nasal tone is almost entirely gone."

Cleveland Ohio  
January 20, 1948

Miss June Kramer, ex '45

"Yes, I am back at my old job again. 3020 Mayfield is the address of the Mission, and I still live at 14012 Lake Shore Blvd. I have been getting most of my mail here because I am here more than I am at home. I have been in charge of the office --letter writing and the books. I have two classes of children a week--a story hour for children from 4 to 10 years of age on Wednesday afternoons and a Pioneer Girls Club on Friday afternoons. They really keep me busy. Mom has to be with Dad most of the time, so when she isn't here I have to take care of the Ladies Sewing and Bible Class on every other Thursday. So you can see that I am kept busy most of the time."

Mooreburg, Tennessee  
February, 1948

Mrs. Martha Mailander Hulings, ex'43

"We have 48 schools in all, located in two counties. The work has been so well received and the youngsters seem so glad to hear the Gospel story and to learn the verses that it is a real pleasure to carry on. We hope to start building the camp as soon as the weather fairs up a little. Our plans for the camp include doing some additional work on this house which Paul and I built two years ago. We hope to get a basement under it and put the kitchen and dining room for camp there. Then we will build our sleeping quarters on the ground purchased for camp which will also be made into play ground. It will take a lot of work and be rather difficult to achieve with very little money, but the Lord is able; this is His work and we believe He wants a camp here so we are going ahead very slowly but assured that at His direction the work will be accomplished. We plan to build a cinder block as that seems the safest, with regard to fire, and also the least expensive."

Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
January 2, 1948

Miss LaVerne Howland, '47

"I know that the Lord has led me where I am, and I know, too, that He is teaching me new lessons every day so I really am content in His will, but I do get homesick for you all every once in a while."

"I long to hear of news from the Hill, and the BRYANETTE and NEWSETTE are eagerly devoured by me as soon as they arrive."

Culpeper, Virginia  
January 15, 1948

Miss Jean Gulley, '47

"I think of you at Bryan and would like to drop in just any old time and watch everybody busy with school activities. Have not forgotten my debt to Bryan and hope to return by meager means a small financial aid, for I could never pay enough to equal my appreciation for receiving fellowship, friends, a better life, schooling and so many things."



Columbus, Ohio  
February 1, 1948

Mrs. Dorothy Borrer Grove, ex '46

"You might like to know that our son, Daniel (Danny) Richard arrived on January 15th. He weighed 10 pounds  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ounces at birth and is really a big boy! He looks like he's 2 months old now and had hair  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches long at birth. I hope this doesn't sound like "proud mama" doing a lot of bragging, but we are proud, but most of all, very grateful to God for such a sound, healthy baby. More than anything else, it is my hope and prayer that he shall grow to be used of the Lord, and also, that he may be saved at a very early age and then have a lifetime for service to Him."

Fort Worth, Texas  
February 2, 1948

Mrs. Ruth Dew Sarvis, ex '48

"I have intended for so long to write and at least let the other Bryan students and ex Bryan students know the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me, (that is, next to my finding our wonderful Saviour), and that is my marriage to a Bible Seminary student, Stephen Sarvis, on July 11, 1947. Some of you know that I had planned to return to Bryan to finish my work there, and though that will be impossible, I will always remember some of my happiest days were spent there, and I will continue to remember the school in my prayer.

"Though it is impossible for me to send an offering to the school at this time, I am still as interested in it s welfare as ever, and thank God for Bryan and for the days He let me spend there, upon every remembrance of them."

Macon, Georgia  
January, 1948

Miss Betty Birch. '46

"Thank you for the copy of BRYANETTE received yesterday; it surely is interesting to read. The enclosed is to help pay expenses on it. I trust this New Year finds you busy as ever and happy and content in Christ, perfectly trusting in His perfect will.

"Lord willing, I enter (nurses) training in February."



Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

East Africa

January 6, 1948

Mr. Arne A. Ahlman, (former staff member)

"Vacation time has come again. Our party arrived at Soddu, Wilamo early Christmas morning after a three day "trek" from Addis -- 250 miles south of the capital. We traveled by truck, however, by an Italian "trenta quattor"; but the poor roads made slow-going. One night we slept "a la belle etoile", and the second night at Shesha mana with the Davisons, S.I.M. missionaries, whom we had met in N.Y.

"It was like a picnic, stopping for meals in new and interesting places. Once or twice we stopped for "shai or buna" (tea or coffee) at a little village. At one place a friendly priest offered us coffee when we stopped near his home for supper.

"Our visit with the Ohman's at Soddu has been a real treat. Mr. Ohman estimates that there are between 35 and 40 thousand Christians in Wolam and Kambatta provinces who have come out from heathenism during the past twenty years. That they are real Christians is evident. Their lives are completely changed and their faces fairly beam.

"Monday we must begin looking for a truck going to Addis. Our lovely vacation is fast drawing to a close and we must get back to school. Classes resume on the 23rd. Our time here will soon be over, and we shall be coming home for a visit. We are looking forward to seeing many of you. We hope to return to this land of our adoption, but, of course, do not know if that will be possible. It may be that the Lord will come before then, and we shall meet "in the air!"

"We are always glad to get news from Bryan. Some NEWSETTES and the BRYANETTE came recently to Soddu. We wouldn't recognize Bryan after all the changes. How do you crowd so many students in?"



Mexico, D.F.  
January, 1948

Dr., '36, and Mrs. William Wonderly

"During this past week it has been my privilege to visit, on the northern fringe of the Zoque tribe, three native congregations which have sprung up simply through the reading and hearing of God's Word. For the first time in my life, I was able to stand before a group of believers in their own bamboo-and-thatch "house of prayer" and read and explain the Word to them in Zoque! Some 200 or more believers gathered together on the occasion of the visit which Garold Van Engen (of the Presbyterian work) and myself made there; and our cups were filled to overflowing at their hospitality and at the hunger they showed for the Word. Most of these people speak Spanish; but among them are quite a number who also speak Zoque and who understand it better than Spanish, as well as some who speak Zoque almost exclusively. After a message I had given in Zoque on the crucifixion, one of the Spanish-speaking leaders said, "We had never dreamed before that those of our people who speak Zoque would ever be able to hear the Gospel of love in their own idiom."

"Your prayers for our health are being answered in that we have not had any serious illness and that the children are quite well at present. The Zoque monthly mimeographed publication is proving a help in getting people to read the language. We have been in contact with a good many of our Indians, despite delays and hindrances, and a number have heard the Word. Keep praying with us that the work may progress and that God will, before many years have passed, have a testimony to His name throughout the Zoque tribe."

On Board S.S. General Meigs  
Nearing Hawaii  
January 28, 1948

Rev., '37, and Mrs., '38, Ralph Toliver

"This is one big conglomeration of humanity. In this cabin are an Irish Priest, a Spanish priest, a French traveler, a Filippino doctor, an Episcopal teacher, a Frank Norris preacher, nine other men and boys, and me! But there is very much of a similarity under the skin -- although there are so many differences in that skin's color, both natural and artificial!

"We go back to the field with many happy memories of our furlough time. And among the happiest are our times on Bryan Hill and with you. We only wish they could have been more frequent and longer."



Trenton, Michigan  
January, 1948

Mrs. Peggy Lynch Coombs, ex'44

"It is a wonderful thing to know that our Lord can supply our every need, He is the Great Provider.

"We remember you, and each member of Bryan in our prayers that the Lord will bless your faithful service in His work. It is very encouraging to hear of your progress from time to time. We wish that our little contribution was greater, but the Lord knows that our hearts are in it.

"The Lord has blessed us far above what we deserve, and it seems as if we do so little for Him, Who loved us and washed us in His own precious blood. Our son is dedicated to the Lord, and may he be led to full-time service and to Bryan University."

East Butler, Pennsylvania  
January 8, 1948

Mr. Robert E. Thompson, '42

"I often think of Bryan and the blessed times we had there. I rejoiced to hear of the return of Mr. and Mrs. Hill and have wanted for some time to ask Mrs. Hill who gives her trouble in the kitchen since I am not there to trouble her. I really did enjoy working there though, even if I was always disturbing the cooking. I'll bet the kitchen looks good since all the transformation that has taken place in the last year, new stove and all.

"I really enjoy reading the BRYANETTE and getting the low down on all my old friends, but it looks from the paper that I am not the only one who never writes to Bryan. I do think of you all often though and wish you the Lord's richest blessing throughout the remainder of the year."

Jacksonville 6, Florida  
January 9, 1948

Rev. Sumner Wemp, ex '45

"We are still here in Jax waiting to get to the field. Everything went too smoothly up to this point so I guess we can expect delay etc. We have all our support, outfit and passage, even have our passports but are now stymied. We covet your prayers for us to wait only on Him and to be sent forth as soon as possible."  
(Rev. and Mrs. Wemp will be serving as missionaries in South America.)



Lupton, Arizona  
February, 1948

Miss Mildred Kuntz, '40

"More Indians came out to our Indian Christmas than were expected, and the gifts ran low, but we managed to see that they all received something. Hands were raised signifying their desire to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Please pray that many will truly be born again and will grow mightily in our Lord. When asked their names, many were shy in answering because, I was told, they believe their ears might fall off if they mentioned their own names. An old man was so filled with fear that he didn't want to have his picture taken, and left before giving his name. It is said that a camera robs them of their soul power. Please pray for their deliverance from their great bondage of fear and unbelief.

"Praise our Lord for Harrison, a 15-year-old Navajo Christian who boldly interpreted for me, even when some of his friends laughed at him. These Christians must suffer much ridicule if they stand true to their Lord. They also need your prayers. Those who were helping at Lupton have left, so I am again alone. Please pray that our Lord will supply His permanent co-worker for me, as well as an interpreter, especially for Sunday classes. Much prayer is still needed that our Lord will continue to quicken us in learning this difficult language that takes years to learn."

Elyria, Ohio  
December 8, 1947

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rosenau, '47, ex'49

"We praise God for His faithfulness to us. We recently purchased a 2500 watt electric power plant from the Army surplus department. Now that we are missionaries we can buy such things for 5% of the normal price. We were certainly thankful for this. Native help is getting so expensive that electricity is becoming almost a necessity. Money for equipment and passage is coming in so that we are looking forward to leaving in the spring." (Wilma and Bruce will be serving as missionaries in French Equatorial Africa.)



Nigeria, West Africa  
December, 1947

Mr., '44, and Mrs. '45, Albert Wyllie

"Throughout this past year we have mentioned matters of prayer and so would like to tell of the answers we have seen. You may recall the story of Ebun, the little girl who stood without flinching in her desire to go to the Mission school at Oro. We have prayed much for her, and God has answered our prayers, and she has accepted Christ as her own Saviour. This has come through the leading of the Holy Spirit, without pressure of any kind. What a wonderful joy it is to hear of such who are enabled by the Lord to stand fast. This little girl is as good as dead to her family, and counts the missionaries her parents and the mission her home.

"Another matter of prayer has been the work of our training school for teachers. This has recently been inspected by the government and approved. We have been fortunate to have a very friendly education officer for this district, Mr. Thorborn has taken a real interest in our work here and has publicly approved our endeavors. For this, we do praise the Lord, as it means our young men will be able to become the headmasters and teachers for the elementary schools.

"We could not close our Christmas letter without mentioning our lovely daughter for whom we praise the Lord daily. She is a precious wee girl and brings much joy into our home. The Lord has granted her excellent health, and it is a pleasure to watch her develop. Our prayer is that she may grow in "thenurture and admoni tion of the Lord," and that if He should tarry she will one day be used of Him to witness to those who are lost. The natives have a great deal of fun trying to get her attention and seem fascinated by her big blue eyes. We are looking forward to the day when she will talk, and they inform us she will speak Yoruba much better than we! !

"We have changed the baby's name to Dianne."



Leona, Iowa  
January 27, 1948

Miss Angie Garber, '47

"I am teaching in a little country school and enjoy it a lot. I also have a large class of Intermediate boys and girls to teach in Sunday School. I enjoy them so much too. May the blessing of the Lord be with you all and may you be living for His glory only. What wonderful hope and joy we can have in Him always!"

Winnetka, Illinois  
January 3, 1948

Miss Esther Humberd, ex '49

"I'm 16 miles outside Chicago at Winnetka working in a nice home. I do the house-work, help with the meals, etc. I couldn't do anything if the Lord didn't help me, you know. The Lord has really given me my health again."

Morgantown, N. C.  
January 10, 1948

Miss Inez Causby, ex '50

"I miss all of you. I received the NEWSETTE and the Alumni News Sheet. They seemed to make me even more homesick for Bryan, but I was glad to get them."

Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania  
February 20, 1948

Miss Dorothy Stoll, ex '49

"I have wanted to write since before Christmas but just kept putting it off. How I miss Bryan, the fellowship, fun, and everyone. But I like it here and feel I am where He wants me to be. I have had some good opportunities to testify.

"I'm praying for you all and know that He is doing wonderful things. I appreciate the NEWSETTE and BRYANETTE and every other news from the school I love."



Shreveport, Louisiana

February 20, 1948

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brogan, '44, ex'46

"Over 4,000 Young People have again enrolled to memorize the Bible Verses. The contest started about three weeks ago. I wish I had thought of it sooner, and we would have sent some literature to Bryan so that some of the students could have enrolled. There are a number of college students under twenty-one and quite a number enrolled from Louisiana and Texas. It thrills our hearts to hear of some being saved and others drawn out from the world as a result of memorizing.

"I trust my brother John is getting along fine. He told me that he was living in Lower 2, which surely is a room of memories to me. Many a time Clyde and I talk of those wonderful days at Bryan, and my prayer is that every student that goes from there will carry happy memories as we have."

Dallas, Texas

February, 1948

Mrs. Eileen Hartschuh Langford, '43

"Dick is in Mexico. He left with three other fellows last Monday and will be gone for two weeks. They drove to Mexico City and will go out on horseback along trails to visit different Indian tribes. The board (Young Life) is sponsoring the trip partly because they feel it will give the fellows new zeal in their ministry here and also equip them to better counsel their young people regarding the need and opportunities of missionary service. They will have as their guide George Cowan who is with Wycliffe Translators; NEWSETTE and BRYANETTE are always such welcome guests. We devour the information in them."

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We express our sympathy at this time to Mrs. Clyde Johnston (Louise Godsey, '37). Mr. Johnston passed away on February 7.  
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